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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESS PLAYBACKS - URGENT

1. THE POST HAS BEEN INFORMED SECOND HAND, BY A VISITING NBC-NEWS CORRESPONDENT, THAT BOTH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST HAS PUBLISHED PROMINENT, HARD HITTING DISPATCHES FROM NEW DELHI ON V. C. SHULKA'S (NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION) SATURDAY NIGHT MEETING WITH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS DURING WHICH HE LAID DOWN THE LAW ON HOW THEY MUST OPERATE UNDER INDIAN PRESS CENSORSHIP DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. ACCORDING TO THE GROUND RULES, NEWS REPORTS ON THIS MEETING IN THEMSELVES CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR EXPLUSION OF THOSE WHO FILED THESE STORIES OR (EVEN) MERELY WORK FOR MEDIA PUBLISHING THEM.

2. WE NEED FULL TEXT OF THESE ARTICLES WHICH SHOULD BE SENT USINFO PRIORITY SOONEST.

3. REQUEST AGENCY TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE IN SITUATION HERE WHERE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, DAILY USINFO PLAYBACK OF INDIAN STORIES IN AMERICAN MEDIA IS ESSENTIAL TO WORK OF USIS AND EMBASSY.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT AGENCY HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE SUCH DAILY PLAYBACK.

5. FYI: NEW DELHI 8648 GIVES THE AGENCY GUIDANCE ON THE CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE JOINED OUR RESIDENT AMERICAN CORPS OF NEWSMEN

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